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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

the air;

Applicants submit the following preliminary amendment:

## THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 through 34

Please add the following new claims:

39. A control apparatus for a well tool, comprising:

at least one signal transmitter for sending at least one predetermined signal over

at least one signal receiver for receiving and recognizing said predetermined signal from said transmitter and providing an output only in response to recognizing said predetermined signal;

said signal receiver and said signal transmitter being in line-of-sight with each other;

said signal is of a limited strength so that it will only reach said intended signal receiver and will not be of sufficient strength to affect equipment beyond said line of sight;

